Amendment Slip to Article 14 of Mysore Civil Account Code, Volume I.

READ—

Letter No. 512—B. ii, dated 14th April 1931, from the Comptroller to Government, stating that, following the decision of the Government of India, he has issued an amendment slip to Article 14 of Mysore Civil Account Code, Volume I, as noted below and requesting approval thereto.

"NOTE—Cash Memoranda issued by tradesmen for sales against cash payment are not treated as receipts within the meaning of Section 2 (23) of the Mysore Stamp Regulation and need not be stamped even if the amount exceeds Rs. 20 unless they contain an acknowledgment of the receipt of money from the purchaser as named therein of the price of articles sold. The Cash Memoranda will not therefore be regarded as sub-vouchers unless the cash memo contains an acknowledgment of the receipt of money from the person named in the Memo (with a stamp affixed when the amount exceeds Rs. 20.)"

2. Further correspondence on the subject ending with Un-official Note No. 5 of 1930-31, dated 2nd October 1931, from the Commissioner of Stamps, agreeing to the Comptroller's proposal but suggesting some verbal alterations to the amendment slip.

ORDER NO. FL. 2860-2—ST. 22-30-5, DATED 15—16TH OCTOBER 1931.

Approved. The Comptroller is requested to notify the amendment in the form indicated in the margin.

Cash Bills or Memoranda issued by tradesmen in respect of sales against cash payment which do not contain an acknowledgment of a receipt of money and need not, therefore be stamped, are no receipts within the meaning of Section 2 (23) of the Stamp Regulation. Such Memoranda or Bills will not be accepted, as vouchers in audit. Only receipts within the meaning of Section 2 (23) of the Stamp Regulation which should be duly stamped, will be accepted by the Audit Officer.

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Secretary to Government,
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Retrenchment in the Public Works Department.

READ—

The Report of the Mysore Retrenchment Committee constituted under the orders of Government issued in No. 3614-73—C. B. 142-30-1, dated 17th March 1931.

ORDER THEREON NO. FL. 3-6—G. F. 84-31-1, CAMP MYSORE, DATED 21ST—23RD OCTOBER 1931.

The recommendations of the Committee are: —

(1) The normal Public Works grant for the next five years may be limited to Rs. 30 lakhs inclusive of establishment charges.

(2) Every effort should be made to keep down establishment charges to within 20 per cent of the grant for works.

(3) The appointments of Personal Assistants to the Superintending Engineers are unnecessary and may be abolished.

(4) The number of Sub-Divisions seems to be in excess of requirements and it ought to be possible to reduce the number by three in addition to the reduction of one agreed to by the Chief Engineer.

(5) Continuance of the Special Division at Mysore is unnecessary.

(6) Conversion of six Travellers' Bungalows noted in the margin into Inspection Lodges is feasible thereby effecting a savings of Rs. 1,584 under establishment.

2nd Class Travellers' Bungalow	at	Hoskote.
Do	do	at Somanahalli.
Do	do	at Antarsante.
1st Class Travellers' Bungalow	at	Robertsonpet.
2nd Class Travellers' Bungalow	at	Kumsi.
Do	do	at Agumbi.

(7) A Consulting Engineer for New Bangalore Water Works is a superfluity.

(8) A sum of Rs. 300 is being debited to the Public Works Department every month on account of the pay of the Consulting Architect. Its continuance in the present conditions of financial stringency cannot be justified.

2. The several proposals of the Committee are dealt with in the manner indicated below:—

As recommended by the Committee, the grant for the Public Works Department for the current year has been fixed at Rs. 30 lakhs.

(2) Endeavours will be made to keep the establishment charges as low as possible.

(4) and (5) Orders have already been issued to abolish the Special Division at Mysore from 1st January 1932, and to the reduction of one Sub-Division, *vide* Government Order No. P. W. 2697-8—17673-4, dated 8th June 1931 and Government Order No. P. W. 2705-06—17700-1, dated 8th June 1931.

(7) It has been considered necessary to keep on the Consulting Engineer for another year in the interest of the project.

(3), (6) and (8) These proposals are under examination and separate orders will be issued regarding them.

3. In consultation with the Chief Engineer, Government are pleased to direct the further curtailment of the Public Works Budget of the current year by Rs. 3,75,000 by resuming the grants for works as noted below:—

	Rs.
23 Irrigation	1,95,200
24 Civil Works	1,27,500
24 A Communications ..	9,500
24 *Establishment*—	
Temporary Establishment ..	2,000
Travelling Allowance ..	26,500
Fixed Travelling Allowance..	15,000
Total ..	3,75,700

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Retrenchment in the Judicial Department.

READ—

Recommendation of the Mysore Retrenchment Committee 1931, in regard to economies in the Judicial Department.

2. Correspondence ending with letter No. 12, dated 22nd September 1931, from the High Court.

ORDER No. FL. 7-16—G. F. 85-31-1, CAMP MYSORE, DATED 22ND—23RD OCTOBER 1931.

The Retrenchment Committee state in their report that there is not in the Judicial Department much scope in the nature of things, for effecting drastic economies of a kind which will not re-act prejudicially on the working of the Courts and on the interests of parties and the public. They recommend that in places where the work—Criminal or Civil—is sufficiently light, both the functions may be combined under a Munsiff-Magistrate. Such combination has been made in some cases and the High Court will be requested to suggest other cases in which the arrangement can be adopted and economies effected.

The holding in abeyance of the orders in Government Order No. P. 5002-11—Cts. 95-28-6, dated 17th March 1930, in regard to the payment of fees to Assessors and Jurors is suggested and the High Court have agreed to the proposal. Government accept the suggestion.